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## **MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

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Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters  
Indianapolis, Indiana

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**Members Present:** Judy Hallam, Tina Butt, Steve Garrison, Jim Christopher, Lindi Holt, T.N. Petry MD, Ed O'Farrell, Rita Herrington

**Staff:** Tony Pagano, Sam Steinhilber

**Guests:** Joe Bell, SEMA; Dave Crose, SEMA; Donnie Woodyard, Riverview Hospital; George Schulp, Superior Ambulance; Dale Waters, Superior Ambulance; Christie Clem, Eli Lilly and IRAT; Deborah LeMay, Clarian Health and IRAT; Kim Fischer, Hendricks Regional Health; Heather Coburn, Hendricks Regional Health.

Chairman O'Farrell called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM, thanked everyone for attending and asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify the agency they were representing.

### **Special presentation on radiological terrorism issues**

Tony introduced Joe Bell, SEMA, Co-chair of the Indiana Radiation Assistance Team. Joe presented brief synopsis of a program "Setting the Standard for Radiation Training Delivered to EMTs in the State of Indiana. Mr. Bell presented a handout of his presentation as well as a copy of the course objectives for Hazardous Materials for EMS Responders with objectives highlighted that would be covered in the IRAT training program. Discussed potential for training EMTs through current EMT instructors and availability for train-the-trainer programs. Questions and answers followed.

Mr. Bell is interested in knowing whether the Education Committee feels there is a need for this type of training and, if so, if it will support the IRAT program. This program would consist of a three and one-half to four-hour program for the Train-the-trainer on responding to a radiological incident. That in turn would equate back to a 30 minute or so program to be included in the HazMat Course within the EMT training programs. Suggestion by Tony that the state offer a voluntary PI Update to include this program.

No decisions were made by the committee. Staff will continue to work on this and get back with the Education Committee with a recommendation.

Mr. Bell may be contacted at (317) 233-4480 or (800) 666-PSTI or through SEMA.

### **Report from Commission meeting on Pediatric Defibrillation**

Chairman O'Farrell read the recommendation presented to the Commission by Dr. Tres Scherer of Indiana EMS for Children regarding pediatric defibrillation. Commission approved the recommendation.

### Recommendation

“AEDs may be used for children 1 to 8 years of age with no signs of circulation. Ideally the device should deliver a pediatric dose. The arrhythmia detection algorithm used in the device should demonstrate high specificity for pediatric shockable rhythms, ie, the device will not recommend a shock for nonshockable rhythms (Class IIb).

Currently the evidence is insufficient to support a recommendation for or against the use of AEDs in children <1 year of age.

For a lone rescuer responding to a child without signs of circulation, provision of 1 minute of CPR is still recommended before any other action such as activating EMS or attaching the AED.

Defibrillation is recommended for documented VF/pulseless VT (Class I).”

### **Training Institution Accreditation**

The education committee asked the EMS Commission for clarification on whether they wanted training institution accreditation or program accreditation. The Commission said their intent was program accreditation.

Jim Christopher said he has been going through the re-accreditation process. During this time he has seen no benefits to being accredited. Tony mentioned that in time a student will have to graduate from an accredited program in order to sit for the National Registry. Jim said we should drop the registry. We have enough talent in this state to write our own examinations. Much discussion followed. The committee decided to get back to the Commissions original wishes. All paramedic training institutions must have their self-study into CAAHEP by May 30, 2007.

### **Advanced Care Paramedic**

Lindi Holt presented her argument for an Advanced Care Paramedic certification. Lindi is recommending that the committee look at the issue of Advanced Care and creating a position or program. She's not sure the right thing is to make another level of certification but she is enthusiastic about a program of study being developed.

Lindi makes a recommendation that the Education Committee examine a curriculum for recognition of an enhanced practice program for paramedics. This program would be a program credentialed by the state.

Lindi made a motion for the Education Committee to seek approval of the EMS Commission to examine a standardized program for an enhanced practice paramedic as a post graduate course of study. Judy Hallam seconded the motion. Unanimous.

### **Training Institution Manual**

Sam updated those present on the Training Institution Manual. Is there anything else that the committee wishes to be included? The current information takes them through the rules and regulations. How to have a practical. How to report on your students after class; check-offs for instructors, etc. A wealth of information is provided. Suggestion was made to include FAQs. However, Sam prefers to talk to these folks individually for clarity to be sure their specific question is answered. The manual will be put on CD Rom.

### **PI Course Revision and Certification Exam**

The new PI course is on-going in the northern part of the state. Steve Garrison gave a brief report of how things are going. Things seem to be going very well. Some concern as to the old exam; however, a clarification was made that there is a new exam. A second new course has been postponed until the first of the year.

Some discussion about the length of time required before a PI candidate is eligible for certifying as a PI.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Driving Course**

Steve Garrison tried to be as brief as possible while discussing driving courses. VFIS has asked that their course be accepted as an alternative to the NHTSA course. Another program is Emergency Services and they are requesting the same thing.

Steve is willing to recommend their approval if they would include the following four items.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--> 1) <!--[endif]-->The instructor must be an approved state EVOC instructor.
- 2) <!--[endif]-->The instructor must go through the appropriate paperwork and application process.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->The students must go through the state examination process.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--> 4) <!--[endif]-->The NHTSA instructor and student guides must be available.

Steve also wanted to discuss the issue of instructor requirements to be an EVOC instructor. There have been several requests for other driving instructors to attain EVOC instructor status. His recommendation is that we drop the requirement that each EVOC

instructor be a certified instructor in fire, ILEA, or a PI. To be an EVOC Instructor-Trainer you must still be a PI or Fire Instructor II/III, or ILEA instructor.

There was also a discussion of the CEVO II - Ambulance program. A copy is being sent to Steve for review.

### **American Heart Association News**

FDA approved a fully automatic defibrillator that can be purchased without a prescription. However, there is only one right now that meets the requirements. It's the Phillips AED.

No change right now in the others. However things are going to change as time goes by.

Stay tuned.

New sheets will be out by November for new guidelines. Look for them be posted on the AHA website.

Discussion also regarding EMT-Is and a bridge class for them to pass to paramedic. There is a course out there being written; but it's not in operation yet. Also, the EMT-I course won't equate hours evenly.

### **Designation for Ex-EMTs**

Request forwarded from M. Garvey as a letter asking the committee to come up with a new designation for all the EMTs who are quitting every year. The letter was read to the members present who responded with a recommendation that no action be taken.

Next meeting of the Education Committee meeting will be after the first of the year. Keep the second Monday of February, April, July, and October of 2005 open for possible meetings. We'll send you an update as soon as the schedule is fixed.

**3:15 p.m.      Adjourned**